

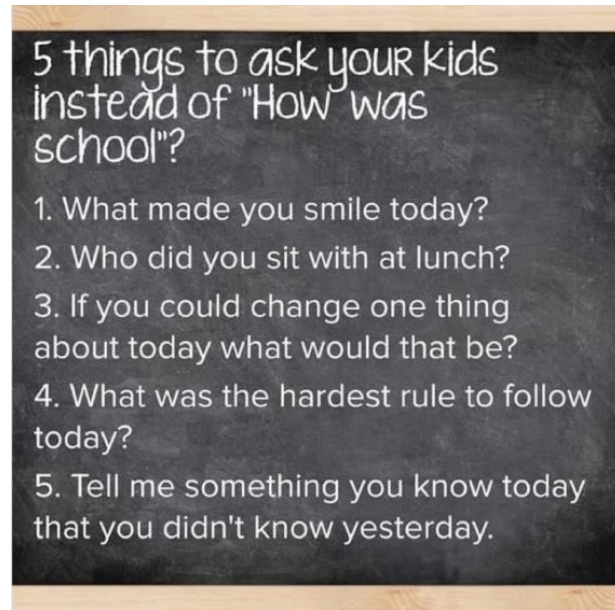


Dear RCS Families,

October 2021

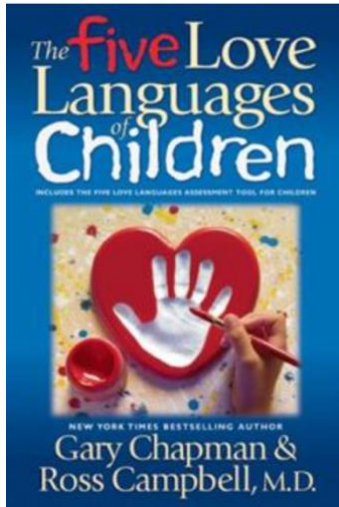
The RCS student Mustangs galloped into the new year with gusto! The principals sensed the ordered rhythms of school life falling quickly into place. Thank you, Lord. Getting the school year off to a great start testifies to God's grace.

As a parent, I wanted to learn as much as possible at the beginning of the school year about my daughter's teachers, classes, and friends. My routine question, "How was your day?" did not spring open bubbling conversations. A pointless question usually returned a lifeless or one-syllable answer. If posing a quality question can open the spigot to better conversations, then consider the graphic at right: 5 things to ask your kids instead of "How was school?"



Thoughtful questions spark interesting answers. Keep in mind that our kids' communication preferences are unique like fingerprints. My daughters did not respond equally in degree or detail to the same question. At that time, I did not know that most kids needed down time to process the day just like adults do. Peppering them with questions immediately after the school day ended may be counterproductive. Many kids need time to mentally organize the day's events.

Our kids are incredible and wonderful gifts from the Lord. Psalm 127 wonderfully captures the sentiment. My pastor recently spoke on this passage as part of his introductory remarks for baby dedications. He relayed that one of our chief aims as parents is getting the arrow(s) a.k.a. kids, pointed in right direction. Arrows have a purpose or an intended target. Our role is to love and nurture their God-given bents and



gifts for His glory. One resource that helped me as a young dad is the familiar book: *The 5 Love Languages of Children*.

The love-language lessons absorbed while my girls were three and five years old remain a part of our conversations 18 years later. The book gushes with practical tips and powerful illustrations across the life stages of school-aged kids. Order the book today for your parenting library.




As we turn the calendar into October, today offers timely reminder to subscribe to Flash Alert. **Flash Alert** is Rainier Christian Schools' primary communication channel for emergencies, school closures, and delays.

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All RCS closure or delay information is sent to your email address provided to Flash Alert. The announcements also appear on Seattle's major TV and radio stations. Note: our campuses are found under "**Rainier Christian Sch. Dist.**" Be careful to not select Rainier School District. Please help us reach our goal of 100% participation. Ensure your subscription is activated before the onset of the PNW stormy season.

Onto a round of fantastic news: The Booster Club Golf Tournament. The September 18 outing, lavishly sponsored by **Oak Harbor**



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**American Office Services, RWC Group, and Jean Rule Properties** directly supports RCS athletics and sports-of-the-mind teams. Thank you sponsors and golfers!



According to parent alumni and tournament organizer, **Joe Pratt**, the 2021 tourney set a revenue record. The nearly \$9300 raised purchases equipment and uniforms for RCS athletes. A special thank you is owed to Athletic Director, **Marcus Johnson**, and our coaches and athletes for managing the event along lines of excellence. Bravo!



One more extraordinary thank you is due to the **St. Clair Flo Foundation**. The St. Clair Flo Foundation's generous gift funded several capital improvements over the last three months. Specifically, RCS benefitted from a new HVAC system at KVE, road-paving-widening project at MVE, gym floor purchase for RCMS/RCHS, and the demolition of an unsafe modular structure adjacent to LPPC.



The demolition project significantly improves our curb appeal at LPPC/KVE and nudges visible progress toward construction of a Multipurpose Event Center.











RCS' vision statement, linked to excellence for God's kingdom, includes the oversight provided by the RCS Board of Directors. Our board members operate behind the scenes to do amazing work in service to students, staff, and families. Their unheralded efforts deserve a moment in the sun. I am thrilled and blessed by their support and commitment to the Lord. During the September 28 executive session, the board voted yes to bring **Darryl D'Ambrosio** on as the newest member.

For a short introduction, Mr. D'Ambrosio attended Christian schools from K-12th grade in Seattle. His involvement with RCS began in 2012 as a parent, and then progressed as a volunteer, coach, and PTF member/officer. He shared, "I look forward to serving the staff, parents, and students of RCS." Please join me in welcoming Mr. D'Ambrosio and praying for our 2021-2022 Board of Directors!

## 2021-2022 Board of Directors

RCS Board Member Application

	<p><b>Julie Franzen</b> Board Chair <a href="mailto:julie.franzen@rainierchristian.org">julie.franzen@rainierchristian.org</a> Calvary Chapel South Favorite Verse: Joshua 1:9</p>		<p><b>Steve Pope</b> Vice Chair <a href="mailto:steve.pope@rainierchristian.org">steve.pope@rainierchristian.org</a> Lake Sawyer Church Favorite Verse: Deuteronomy 31:6</p>		<p><b>Dan Vander Pol</b> <a href="mailto:dan.vanderpol@rainierchristian.org">dan.vanderpol@rainierchristian.org</a> New Life Church Favorite Verse: Romans 8:28</p>
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In view of all the praiseworthy developments, Psalm 96:1 shines brightly. **“Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth.”** Verse one is a worship-witness cycle. New songs can come from old saints who gain fresh awareness of God's love and grace.

The word, “new” can also mean excel, that is, a song of particular excellence. We have new mercies to celebrate each day according to Lam. 3:23. Angels in heaven model a similar lyrical stance. Our worship is a witness. I pray that the Lord blesses our students, staff, and families with a new song. In turn, may we be a winsome witness to those in our community. Thank you for choosing Rainier Christian Schools and taking the time to catch up on our recent activities.

My best,

Bruce Kelly



president, Rainier Christian Schools

